

Introduction

Two Observations Regarding Royal Policy (25:2–5)

1. Policy should be clear and understandable to all the subjects.
2. Royal policy needs to be righteous.

How should you behave in the presence of the king?

1. Don't promote yourself to the king.
 - a. The warnings
 - b. The reasoning

2. Avoid being contentious.
3. Don't betray confidences.

Thoughts on the Tongue

1. Properly timed words are beautiful.

a. A Word Fitly Spoken

“apples of gold”

“fitly”

b. A Wise Rebuker

The rebuke must be -

1. Given by a wise reprover
2. Received and well taken by an obedient ear

2. Faithful words are refreshing.

The Parallelism

1. Snow
2. Faithful Messenger

he refreshes the soul of his masters

3. False words bring disappointment.

The Emblem

“Boasts”

“a gift of falsehood”

4. Softly spoken words can accomplish difficult things.

a. Patience

b. Mildness in speech

What have we learned, and what should we do?

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